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Lianne Thompson is winner in District 5

Thompson, Kujala celebrate victories

By Jack Heffernan
The Daily Astorian

Commissioner Lianne Thompson and former Warrenton Mayor Mark Kujala and seized victories Tuesday, May 15, in their races for the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, while Pamela Wev and Peter Roscoe are set for a November runoff.

Thompson won a second four-year term in District 5, which covers most of South County. Her top priorities are housing, economic development and emergency preparedness.

"Thank you to my bosses — the voters in District 5," Thompson said. "I'm grateful for their support and will continue to work hard to do right by them."

Thompson has faced sharp criticism from three other commissioners and County Manager Cameron Moore over her travel expenses, behavior toward county staff and view that commissioners should have a more active role in day-to-day county operations. At one point, Lee called for her resignation.

"When I went out and said, 'Voters are at the top of the organizational chart, you pay



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A voter drops off a ballot in Astoria for the May 15 election.

the bills, you hold staff accountable for what they paid for,' they said, 'Yep, that's it,'" Thompson said. "Now we're crystal clear on that."

Susana Gladwin, a Jewell farmer, challenged Thompson. The candidates served with each other for four years on the county Planning Commission. Gladwin often attends Planning Commission meetings and highlighted housing and forestry policies as two of her core issues.

Ron Brown, running unopposed for district attorney, secured a four-year term on Tuesday. The longtime prosecutor has served as District Attorney Josh Marquis' deputy since 2004. Marquis is retiring after 25 years in office.

Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas, also running unopposed, won another six-year term. Matyas has been a judge

since 2007.

Voter turnout in Clatsop County was 36 percent.

Commission runoff

Wev — a land use consultant — and Roscoe — a former restaurateur — will compete in the first commission runoff in a decade after neither reached 50 percent of the vote in District 3. Doug Thompson — a property manager — finished third.

Commissioner Lisa Clement chose not to run for re-election in a district that covers parts of Astoria, Miles Crossing, Jeffers Garden, Lewis and Clark, Youngs River, Olney, Green Mountain and parts of Walluski.

Wev served five years in former Portland Mayor Vera Katz's administration, while Roscoe served on the Astoria City Council.

OBITUARIES

Jack Lester Birkby

Arch Cape

May 20, 1925 — May 6, 2018



Jack Lester Birkby was born in Sidney, Iowa, May 20, 1925, and died May 6, 2018, in Arch Cape, Oregon at the age of 93.

Staff Sgt. Birkby, while stationed at Fort Lewis, met and married Dorothy Yost, his wife of 61 years. Together they raised their three daughters in, first, Lakewood, Washington, and later Milwaukie, Oregon. Family adventures were highlighted by skiing Mount Rainier and Mount Hood, and camping trips to national parks, Canada and the Olympic Peninsula, and enjoying the waters of Puget Sound — but once they bought their cabin in Arch Cape, all transitioned into beachcombers.

Jack lived most of his adult life in the Pacific Northwest. He was a salesman by trade and by heart, working into his 90s. He began his career working for Pennzoil, owned a Chevron service station in Tacoma, and formed J.B. Sales serving as a manufacturer's representative for Meguiar's polishes and various automotive product lines.

Upon retirement, Jack started Debra's Surplus True-Value Hardware in Seaside, Oregon, with his son-in-law, Paul Dochow.

He and Dorothy RV'ed around the country, basing out of Yuma, Arizona. Selling was all about talking with people, learning about them, and sharing stories and friendships. There was always a place for a stranger

turned friend to join the family for a meal, and rest their head for a night, in his Arch Cape home.

Making friends with Jack, it didn't matter one's educational background, social status, nationality or age. He was very trusting of strangers — a gracious, kind man, setting an example to others as to how we should treat people. Jack was so accommodating for people coming to their home, welcoming them with open arms, and offering them to come camp out on his lawn, or offering them a bed. Living at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, he proudly shared photos of his "back yard."

Among Jack's survivors are daughters Virginia Birkby, Jackie Dochow, and Debra Birkby; son-in-law Paul Dochow; sister Ruthella Birkby Barnard; grandchildren Hillary Dochow, Mark Dochow, and Jolene Pauker; and great-grandchildren, Victoria Dochow, Linkin Dochow, and Colton Pauker. Jack also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy, his brother Robert Birkby, and parents Lucretia Isabel Carter Birkby and Lawrence Virgenice "Shorty" Birkby.

Jack was laid to rest May 17, 2018, with his wife, Dorothy, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon, with military honors.



Jack Birkby

Advisory committee formed for countywide housing study

The Daily Astorian

A 20-member technical advisory committee has begun discussing a countywide housing study.

Last year, Clatsop County and each of the county's five cities approved a \$100,000 study to evaluate the area's housing needs. The county pitched in \$50,000 while the cities contributed \$10,000 each.

Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer is the committee's chairman, and Cannon Beach City Councilor Brandon Ogilvie is the vice chairman. The committee is made up of elected officials and government, business and nonprofit heads.

Johnson Economics, a Portland consulting firm, was hired in March to lead the study, which is expected to be finished by November. Con-

sultants will study the types, sizes, locations and prices needed for housing as well as the market forces, regulations and other barriers that prevent development.

Area residents may participate through an open house, online survey or by attending the committee's public meetings. Up-to-date information can be found at www.co.clatsop.or.us.

Mitchell scores upset for state House District 32 seat

Democratic primary to replace Boone

By Edward Stratton
The Daily Astorian

Tiffany Mitchell, a progressive lifted by union and conservation groups, scored an upset victory Tuesday, May 15, in the Democratic primary for state House.

Mitchell, a state child welfare worker who moved to Oregon three years ago from Utah, and John Orr, an attorney, were both seen as underdogs next to Tim Josi, a Tillamook County commissioner and former state representative with more name recognition and the backing of industry and many state legislators. The three sought to replace state Rep. Deborah Boone, D-Cannon Beach, who will retire when her seventh term ends in January.

"I think that my message just resonated with voters," Mitchell said of the strong showing in her first campaign.

She credited volunteers for helping to get her name and message out after filing just before the deadline in March. She said she personally knocked on more than 3,000 doors.

Mitchell will face Republican Vineeta Lower, a teacher, and Independent Brian Halvorsen, a progressive organizer, in the November

election. Democrats have long dominated in House District 32, which includes Clatsop and Tillamook counties, along with a small portion of western Washington County.

Some in Clatsop County were concerned Mitchell and Orr would split the county vote and tip the primary to the more conservative Josi, who is from Bay City.

In his concession speech, Orr, who was edging Josi for second place, congratulated Mitchell.

"I still wonder why this election had corporations and organizations from around Oregon campaigning for my opponents," he said. "Now it's time for the winner to listen to the residents of House District 32."

The Democratic primary attracted more than \$200,000 in political contributions.

Josi gathered nearly

\$115,000 in donations as of Tuesday, including the backing of Boone and state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose. Mitchell, who was largely supported by unions and conservation groups, raised nearly \$100,000, while Orr's campaign, mostly backed by local donors, raised less than \$17,000.

Forest management practices became a focal point of the primary.

Mitchell and Orr had both called for limits on timber harvesting when it could have negative environmental effects. Josi, who chairs the Forest Land Trust Advisory Committee, called for maximizing timber harvests and said environmental concerns have been overstated.

• **Election results:** View results at <https://tinyurl.com/ybnp5c5c>

Guided walking tour slated for June 9

A guided walk Saturday, June 9, at North Coast Land Conservancy's Circle Creek and Boneyard Ridge habitat reserves is one of 20 free outings offered by 12 Oregon land trusts throughout the state as part of Get Outdoors Oregon Day.

Part of the National Get Outdoors Oregon Day is a chance to get outside — whether by attending a land trust event, exploring Oregon's hiking trails or enjoying a local park with family. At Circle Creek, geologist Tom Horning and naturalist Mike Patterson will lead an exploration of the Necanicum River floodplain forest and lower reaches of Tillamook Head in their many stages: newly planted, dead and decaying, and everything in between. The outing will begin at Circle Creek, one of the conservancy's largest habitat reserves and also one of its most dynamic. From there participants will venture into 340-acre Boneyard Ridge, an-

other large conservancy habitat reserve serving as a habitat bridge between Circle Creek and Ecola State Park. Details about this and other summer outings on conservancy lands

is available at NCLTrust.org/ on-the-land-summer-outings.

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